

(a) whether there is always a difference between the population and electoral rolls whenever these are revised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any State Government has made efforts to compare to electoral rolls with the last census figures;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any complaints have been received by the Government regarding non-inclusion of names of voters in the voters in the voters lists; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to arrange for a thorough check of the electoral rolls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Electoral rolls contains only that part of the total population which is eligible to vote.

(c) and (d) The Government is not aware of such efforts being made by any State Government.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The superintendence, direction and control of preparation of electoral rolls is vested in the Election Commission and not in the Government under article 324 or the Constitution of India. The Registration of Electoral Rules, 1960 make detailed provisions for preparation and revision of rolls is done at the beginning of every year and wide publicity is given about the programme of revision of rolls through mass media and other means and every possible effort is made by the the Election Commission to ensure that all eligible voters are enrolled.

Confiscated Opium

7039 SHRI MAHESH ANODIA:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the stock of confiscated opium with the Union Government as on August 31, 1991;

(b) the time by which it will be disposed of; and

(c) the purposes for which it will be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Confiscated opium is transferred by drug law enforcement agencies to the Government Opium & Alkaloid Works Undertakings located at Neemuch (MP) or Ghazipur (UP) for being captively utilised for manufacture of alkaloids as and when required or for destruction, if not found suitable for this purpose. Approximately 7500 kgs. of much opium was in stock in the two Government Opium & Alkaloid Works Undertakings at Ghazipur (UP) and Neemuch (MP) as on 31.8.1991. According to the programme of these two undertakings, the above quantity of confiscated opium will be disposed of by 31st March, 1992.

[Translation]

Loans to Sick Textile Units

7040. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to grant loans at 11.5% per cent rate of interest to the sick textile units;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the names of such sick units to whom

loans will be granted and the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

[English]

Losses in Banks

7041. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the loss of colossal amount of money by the public sector banks through lending to non-credit-worthy individuals and corporate groups;

(b) if so, what is the extent of such losses;

(c) whether responsibility has been fixed for such losses;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a commission of inquiry to investigate into all acts of malfeasance by delinquent bank officials; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Banks being institutions, the possibility of certain advances turning sticky and thereby resulting in losses to the concerned banks is inherent in the system.

(b) The formats of balance sheet and profit & Loss account of banks, as set out in the Third Schedule of Banking Regulation Act, 1949, do not provide for such information.

(c) All irregularities are investigated and appropriate remedial action is taken wherever necessary.

(d) and (e). The existing systems and procedures obtaining in public sector banks with regard to scrutiny of affairs by internal inspectors, external statutory auditors as also RBI's periodic inspections are considered adequate. The Central Bureau of Investigation has also jurisdiction over the banks and investigate cases on the request of Government, Reserve Bank of India, banks and even suo-motto.

[Translation]

Expressway from Ahmedabad to Vadodara

7042. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of the Expressway project from Ahmedabad to Vadodara has been considerably delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount sanctioned for this project and the time by which it is scheduled to be completed;

(d) the cost overrun due to delay in the construction of this Expressway; and

(e) the measures taken so far to ensure early completion of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delay in execution of the project has been due to poor performance of the contractors.

(c) The original sanctioned cost was Rs. 137.20 crores and the work is presently scheduled for completion by December, 1994.